

organization, each one possessing their own story of why they choose to invest in The Cause for Life. Their assistance to this organization's mission cannot be overstated.

I am proud to recognize PACN's mission to bring about positive change in northern Houston by providing a community of support, which allows women and men to confidently choose life.

IN RECOGNITION OF CRONIG'S
MARKET

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 2, 2017

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Cronig's Market on Martha's Vineyard, which on March 10th will be celebrating its 100th Anniversary.

The Cronig Brothers grocery store was opened in 1917 by the four Cronig Brothers, Sam, Ed, Theodore or "Tebby", and Henry Cronig, first generation immigrants from Lithuania. Sam Cronig, the oldest son of ten siblings, came to the United States in 1904 and arrived on Martha's Vineyard in 1905 to work on a farm in Eastville. He soon moved on to work for several established grocery stores up until 1917, when he and his three brothers opened the Cronig Brothers grocery store.

Though the store experienced the trials and tribulations of a small retail business of that era, by 1923, the Cronigs had 51 employees on their payroll. Through the early years of business, it has been referred to as Cronig Bros. Public Market, The Public Market and Vineyard Haven Public Market. It continued its rapid expansion from a store front to occupying an entire building by 1940.

1957 marked the end of an era. Sam Cronig retired and handed over operational control to his sons, Robert and David Cronig. A decade later, Jeffrey and Donald Cronig had also

joined the store. Robert and David then went on to add a second supermarket to the growing business, eventually handing over management to Steve Bernier in 1986.

Today, Cronig's has expanded to three locations, the larger Down-Island Cronig's, the cozy Up-Island Cronig's, and Healthy Additions, a two floor health food and supplement store. A pillar in the Martha's Vineyard community, Cronig's has remained committed to its customers by providing fresh, local ingredients and has led the way with several eco-friendly initiatives.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to recognize Cronig's Market on this joyous occasion. I ask that my colleagues join me in commemorating the Market's centennial year and look forward to a future of continued prosperity.

INTRODUCTION OF THE RENEW-
ABLE FUEL STANDARD ELIMI-
NATION ACT

HON. BOB GOODLATTE

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 2, 2017

Mr. GOODLATTE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce legislation to eliminate a well-intentioned, but deeply flawed, policy that has negatively impacted every family and business in the country. The policy I'm referring to is none other than the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS), a mandate requiring that increasingly larger volumes of corn-based ethanol be blended into our gasoline. The RFS mandates that 36 billion gallons of renewable fuels be part of our nation's fuel supply by 2022.

Since the implementation of the RFS, Americans have seen increased costs at the grocery store, larger bills on their restaurant receipts, and higher prices at the gas pump. Corn is used in 75 percent of the food we buy, yet a great deal of corn is now being diverted from food products and into the gasoline tank.

It's no surprise that ethanol has caused instability in the corn market. As for fuel, ethanol-blended gasoline has a lower energy density than that of traditional gasoline; therefore, Americans are forced to buy more fuel to make up the difference. In fact, some studies show that drivers in the U.S. pay at least \$10 billion more each year because of the RFS.

Unfortunately, the high cost of the RFS is not limited to food and gasoline. Ethanol is known to be harmful to the small engines found in lawn mowers and leaf blowers and even motorcycles and all-terrain-vehicles. As a result, owners of these devices are forced to spend more to repair the damage caused by the ethanol-infused gasoline that they were forced to buy.

So, what benefits do Americans in your district and mine receive for all of these extra costs? There are certainly few benefits of an environmental nature. Environmental groups have expressed concerns about the impact of the RFS on the air we breathe and have stated that the conversion of high volumes of land into corn fields is detrimental to the environment. In fact, I can find no benefit to the hard working Americans who are paying the cost of the RFS.

It is time for Congress to recognize that this policy has failed and remove this mandate from the backs of the American people. That is why I am introducing the Renewable Fuel Standard Elimination Act, which will totally eliminate the RFS. Washington has created this artificial demand for ethanol that is distorting the market, and it is our responsibility to provide relief from its unintended consequences. This legislation is a common sense solution to ensure that renewable fuels compete fairly in the marketplace and avoid causing unintended and negative consequences for American consumers, livestock farmers, and food manufacturers. I hope my colleagues will join me in working to reverse this policy by supporting this legislation in the 115th Congress.